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Most newsletters should probably start on a positive note so I will adhere to that practice. A lot has been going on in the cemetery / genealogy world, all positive, except for the mistake I made in last month's newsletter. Makers of mistakes have two duties, first to admit the mistake and secondly, to correct them. The first part was easy, but the second part might take a paragraph or so, but here it goes.

Last month I wrote a short piece on the Cook-Teaford Cemetery located off Morris Mill Road west of Staunton, Va. I also discussed the marriage of Frederich Hanger III (1793-1869) to Margaret Cook. Research was somewhat ambiguous regarding Frederich's lineage and at least one researcher determined that he was the son of Martin Hanger (Sr). Admittedly, Martin's will lists Frederich and Margaret as heirs to part of Martin's estate, but I was still not convinced, why I am not sure. I guess I just could not wrap my head around someone naming their child using III as a suffix and not being of the direct line. Silly me. Then I found a baptism record in the St. John's Church Register listing Frederich as the son of Frederich and the grandson of Frederich and Eva. The baptism date of 1793 matched the birth year of Frederich III. I murmured to myself, Eureka! I have found it! It was the most conclusive evidence I could find at the time. I even consulted with a distant cousin in Ohio who agreed that it seemed to be the best evidence at the time, and he was correct in giving that advice. Remember, he was named Johann Frederich Hanger, III so it made good sense. Frederich Sr., Frederich Jr., and now Frederich III. That "good sense" lasted right up until I found a copy of Peggy Joyner's research. Peggy was a certified genealogist and had researched the Hanger family for over 50 years. Peggy's work does identify Frederich as being the son of Frederich Jr. and the grandson of Frederich Sr. and baptized at St. John's Church, but **that** Frederich married Nancy Engleman. Her research further shows that Martin Hanger (Sr) also had a son he named Frederich.....Frederich III. Want to guess what year he was born? Yep, 1793. **He** married Margaret Cook, which explains why Frederich III and Margaret were listed as heirs in Martin's will. So, the correction is: The Frederich Hanger that was baptized at St John's was the son of Frederich Hanger Jr and Maria Magdalena Hull Hanger and married Nancy Engleman. Frederich Hanger, III was an heir to Martin Hanger, Sr's. estate, was the son of Martin Hanger, Sr. and Elizabeth 'Betsy' Fulwider Hanger and he married Margaret Cook.

So, part two of correcting a mistake is done. I do apologize for the error, but I am most assuredly confident that it will not be the last one. Please let me know anytime you see something that makes you look twice. I promise that the correction will be welcomed! (Sooner rather than later!)

As I continue this labor of love, I will also continue to implore you to submit articles, research, photographs, and questions to be included in the newsletter. Any and all of these will make our

newsletter more diverse in subject matter, more interesting than my own ramblings, and will be a great source of knowledge for us all to draw upon.

Regarding anonymity, you have probably noticed that I have, since I started the newsletter, referred to most folks using a generic relationship descriptor rather than a name. That has been intentional except in circumstances where the name was necessary to fulfill the purpose of the writing, such as an email address, etc. Using names makes any dialogue much easier to follow, but unless you give me a thumbs-up, I will continue to refer to you as cousin, 3g granddaughter of someone, etc. just in an effort to sustain a little privacy. Most anyone can find out most anything about most anyone nowadays, but I prefer not to help them at it.

The two uprooted stumps that were left in the upper part of the graveyard after the downed tree cleanup was completed was a removal issue for me. As in, how to? A photo of those two beauties is below.



So, I decided to call my neighbor who recently bought a house and farm just a ¼ mile south of the cemetery. He happens to be a logger who owns a log skidder, a really big one. I have known him for some years now and he has even timbered for me. He agreed to meet me at the cemetery and take a look at the job and after sizing things up he concluded that he could help us. The next day he drove his skidder to the cemetery and used the Edward-Scissor-hands attachment to grab the stumps. He plucked them out of the earth one at a time and after shaking off what dirt he could, he promptly removed them to the debris pile. I have said it before and I will say it again, you just can't beat good neighbors. A photo of the same area as it is now can be found on the following page. There is still a lot of ground work to be done, but it is heading in the right direction.



As a side note to this stump removal story, the house and farm that the logger bought is listed on the 1885 Hotchkiss map. It is at the south-west corner of Callison Mill Road and Broadhead School Road. Jedidiah Hotchkiss lists J. H. Hanger as living there. A short story about the Dutch Hollow Region was printed in an 1878 edition of the Staunton Spectator newspaper. In it, John R. Hanger is named as having a “gushing” spring of water on his farm. That article can be found on the website in the Library / Archives section under the ‘Life in Dutch Hollow’ tab. On the Hotchkiss map, the spring on J. H. Hanger’s farm is named Beech Spring. Not many springs can be found on the Hotchkiss map that are given names, so I am thinking the spring, already named, was taken notice of by Hotchkiss because of its volume and he chose to list the name. Additional evidence of John R.’s presence in Dutch Hollow can be found in an 1896 newspaper article reporting that his house was struck by lightning¹. The 1870 U. S. Federal Census shows John R. hanger as living in Dutch Hollow, but I cannot determine if it is the logger’s house or the Hanger farmhouse. It could be a typo on either the newspaper writer’s part or Hotchkiss’s part, or it could be two different Hangers. J. H. or J. R. John. R. Hanger was the son of Jacob and Susannah Ott Hanger. If anyone has any insight into the genealogical identity of J. H. Hanger, please let me know.

A short time ago lightning struck John R Hanger's house in Dutch Hollow. It ran down and entirely destroyed, his fine gold watch, also destroyed the clock. A young lady was lying upon a lounge up stairs, the current tore the shoes from her feet. Aside from a few bruises and burns, she made a miraculous escape. The house was set on fire, but John Strickler was near and put it out.

¹ <https://www.newspapers.com/clip/101340397/staunton-spectator/> Staunton Spectator Staunton, Virginia 22 Jul 1896, Wed • Page 3.

The next project, which will only take a day or so, will be to properly set the suspected Beverley Manor survey station marker. After that is done, some serious tree work should ensue, weather permitting.

After sharing the humor in last month's newsletter related to the "cousin calculator that my 5th cousin and I labored over, I thought I would include it here². Many variations can be found on the web.

Relationship Chart

(On the top row find the relationship of one person to the common ancestor, and follow that column down. Next find the relationship of the second person to the common ancestor, and follow that row across. The relationship of the two people is where the column and row intersect.)

Courtesy British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa

Common Ancestor	Child	Grandchild	Great Grandchild	2 nd Great Grandchild	3 rd Great Grandchild	4 th Great Grandchild	5 th Great Grandchild	6 th Great Grandchild	7 th Great Grandchild
Child	Sibling	Niece/Nephew	Grandniece / Grandnephew	Great Grandniece / Grandnephew	2 nd Great Grandniece / Grandnephew	3 rd Great Grandniece / Grandnephew	4 th Great Grandniece / Grandnephew	5 th Great Grandniece / Grandnephew	6 th Great Grandniece / Grandnephew
Grandchild	Niece/Nephew	First Cousin	First Cousin, 1r	First Cousin, 2r	First Cousin, 3r	First Cousin, 4r	First Cousin, 5r	First Cousin, 6r	First Cousin, 7r
Great Grandchild	Grandniece / Grandnephew	First Cousin, 1r	Second Cousin	Second Cousin, 1r	Second Cousin, 2r	Second Cousin, 3r	Second Cousin, 4r	Second Cousin, 5r	Second Cousin, 6r
2 nd Great Grandchild	Great Grandniece / Grandnephew	First Cousin, 2r	Second Cousin, 1r	Third Cousin	Third Cousin, 1r	Third Cousin, 2r	Third Cousin, 3r	Third Cousin, 4r	Third Cousin, 5r
3 rd Great Grandchild	2 nd Great Grandniece / Grandnephew	First Cousin, 3r	Second Cousin, 2r	Third Cousin, 1r	Fourth Cousin	Fourth Cousin, 1r	Fourth Cousin, 2r	Fourth Cousin, 3r	Fourth Cousin, 4r
4 th Great Grandchild	3 rd Great Grandniece / Grandnephew	First Cousin, 4r	Second Cousin, 3r	Third Cousin, 2r	Fourth Cousin, 1r	Fifth Cousin	Fifth Cousin, 1r	Fifth Cousin, 2r	Fifth Cousin, 3r
5 th Great Grandchild	4 th Great Grandniece / Grandnephew	First Cousin, 5r	Second Cousin, 4r	Third Cousin, 3r	Fourth Cousin, 2r	Fifth Cousin, 1r	Sixth Cousin	Sixth Cousin, 1r	Sixth Cousin, 2r
6 th Great Grandchild	5 th Great Grandniece / Grandnephew	First Cousin, 6r	Second Cousin, 5r	Third Cousin, 4r	Fourth Cousin, 3r	Fifth Cousin, 2r	Sixth Cousin, 1r	Seventh Cousin	Seventh Cousin, 1r
7 th Great Grandchild	6 th Great Grandniece / Grandnephew	First Cousin, 7r	Second Cousin, 6r	Third Cousin, 5r	Fourth Cousin, 4r	Fifth Cousin, 3r	Sixth Cousin, 2r	Seventh Cousin, 1r	Eighth Cousin

Abbreviations Used: 1r = once removed, 2r = twice removed, etc.

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The "Descendants of Johann Frederich Hanger" family reunion went well. A great meal was had by all that attended, and we had a great presentation on the migration of Melchoir Hengerer and his family in Germany. So as not to spoil the presentation or more accurately stated, mess it up, I will wait with excited anticipation for the real thing soon. Hopefully we will read more on that from the presenter in next month's newsletter. A PowerPoint presentation was provided on the cemetery, and we had ten folks come to the graveyard after the reunion as part of the scheduled "fieldtrip." A wonderful photo of part of one family group is on the following page. What a great day and what a beautiful photograph.

² www.pinterest.com/cousins shared chart.



Next month I hope to feature a flow chart of sorts that documents the migration of “our” people from Europe to their various destinations in America. It was researched and constructed by an Illinois relative that we will hear more from and about. She and her husband have visited the cemetery and have particular interest in the Fulwider family.

Website Updates: Members Section

In The Library / Archives Section

Ship Passenger Lists 1732-1754 – 15 Total

Unpublished Documents – 7 Total

Published Documents – 10 Total –

Life in Dutch Hollow – 87 Total

Obituaries & Death Notices – 396 (Still several hundred to go)

Lucas-Fix Private Collection 109 Total

NEW! Department of Historical Resources Augusta County Archaeological Site Surveys – 13

DHH Cemetery Forensics, Etc. – JUST ADDED! Preliminary Findings of Ground Penetrating Radar for lower 35 feet of Cemetery and GPS of entire cemetery

Coming Soon:

Elijah Jacob Hanger Private Collection (Approximately 450 files to be uploaded as time permits)

In The Focused Research Section

18 Files (40+ more to be researched, formatted, and uploaded as time permits)

Four of the *Blood of Our Blood* books have been sold, leaving one available. If you or someone you know wants one, it might be wise to get it before it is gone!

And finally, have you ever asked yourself if you are really a genealogist. Use the following methods of assessment to determine if you are.

You might be a genealogist if dead people are more interesting to you than the living.

You know you're a genealogist if you've ever had your photo taken in front of a tombstone and you were actually smiling!

You know you're a genealogist if your email contact list contains more distant cousins than immediate family.

You know you're a genealogist if the highlight of your last trip was a cemetery visit.

And finally,

You know you're a genealogist if a scanner and archival storage containers are more exciting gifts than jewelry or a new hunting rifle.

Until next month, Blessings & Happy Trails.

Glenn Hanger

President, Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery